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Joshua Cohen - Vier neue Nachrichten

Lesung mit dem New Yorker Autor Joshua Cohen in englischer und deutscher Sprache

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Joshua Cohen, a young writer from New Jersey, rose to early fame with his novels 'A Heaven of Others' and 'Witz'. His latest piece, 'Four New Messages' led to him being portrayed as the Jonathan Franzen or David Foster Wallace of the next generation.

All stories in 'Four New Messages' explore our dependence on the Internet and the effects this has on our language, on our perception and understanding – on us. In 'Emissions', a drug dealer is exposed in a blog and desperately attempts to clear his name in cyberspace, 'McDonalds' is about the struggle to find the right words and Google's role in it; 'The College Borough' features a writer from New York settling in the Mid-West trying to replicate the Flatiron building and finally, 'Sent' tells the tale of a journalist traveling through Eastern Europe who finds a village full of the women that appeared in his favorite porn.

However, this kind of simplistic summary could never do justice to the extraordinary prose presented in this book. Cohen's "method of negotiating his way toward meaning is like powering straight through a thick wall of words. . . . The reward is an off-kilter precision, one that feels both untainted and unique." (**Rachel Kushner, *The NYT Book Review***)

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